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- 1. AS AUTHORIZED BY DEPT (REF A), DURING AUGUST 20 MEETING WITH DAMYANOV (CHIEF MFA CULTURAL COOPERATION DEPT), AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED NACHO PAPAZOV, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE, TECHNICAL PROGRESS AND HIGHER EDUCATION (CSTPHE), SIGN AGREEMENT AND PROGRAM DOCUMENT IN WASHINGTON DURING COURSE OF IVP VISIT TO U.S. AMBASSADOR RECALLED HE HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY WITH FONMIN MLADENOV (REF D) WHO HAD THOUGHT TQCS A GOBI IDEA. NOTING THAT SOME MONTHS' WORK WOULD BE NEEDED BEFORE PROGRAM DOCUMENT WOULD BE IN SHAPE FOR SIGNING, DAMYANOV UNDERTOOK TO INQUIRE WHETHER PAPAZOV WOULD BE FREE TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER-JANUARY PERIOD.
- 2. DAMYANOV EMPHASIZED THAT OFFICIAL INVITATION WOULD BE NECESSARY. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT PAPAZOV WOULD BE OFFICIALLY INVITED TO TAKE UP IVP GRANT, BUT BECAUSE PAPAZOV HAD NO EXACT EQUIVALENT IN USG, OFFICIAL INVITATION WOULD BE SIGNED BY AMBASSADOR. DAMYANOV APPEARED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE (DECISION WOULD HAVE

TO BE MADE ON A HIGHER LEVEL THAN DAMYANOV).

3. COULD DEPT ARRANGE FOR DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL SCIENCE

FOUNDATION (WITH WHICH CSTPHE WILL CONCLUDE MEMORANDUM OPKF UNDERSTANDING SUBSEQUENT TO SIGNING OF CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT) TO BE NOMINAL HOST FOR PAPAZOV IN WASHINGTON? INVOLVED WOULD BE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES, DISCUSSION MEETING AND HOSTING OF EITHER LUNCHEON OR DINNER. WE ASSUME THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON WOULD SIGN CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT FOR U.S. OTHER WASHINGTON ACTIVITIES MIGHT INCLUDE CALLS ON SECRETARY FOR HEW AND PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. MORE DETAILED PROGRAM PROPOSALS WILL BE FURNISHED LATER IF PAPAZOV AND WASHINGTON AGREE TO BASIC IDEA.

4. AS AMBASSADOR STATED DURING CONSULTATIONS IN DEPT LAST SPRING (AND AS PAPAZOV HIMSELF UNDERSTANDS), MAIN PURPOSE OF VISIT WOULD NOT BE TO COME TO WASHINGTON. BULK OF PAPAZOV'S PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE RELATIVELY SHORT IN VIEW OF HIS MINISTERIAL DUTIES, WOULD BE TO ACQUAINT HIM WITH THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SCENE. WE HAVE IN MIND A TWO-DAY VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN THE COURSE OF 2-3 WEEK IVP VISIT TO THE U.S.

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